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THE MOOSE ARE THINKING

Progressive Leader Criticizes Roosevelt for Countenancing "Negotiations" With Republicans.

BY BAINBRIDGE COLBY

Chicago, June 12.—The Progressives have sustained a head-on collision with their leader. That fact is manifest. He is to look the situation over and decide what to do, but we, too, will look the field over and determine what we will do.

For many weeks it has been evident that the vehement attacks of Colonel Roosevelt upon the President were precluding that freedom of decision on the part of the Colonel necessary for the highest leadership of an independent party, with principles of its own and a sense of its mission. His denunciation of Wilson left the Colonel at the mercy of the Republican party. If Wilson is unbelievably bad—and so the Colonel, in the intensity of his opposition, apparently thinks—he cannot hesitate to support the party which offers numerically the best promise of the President's overthrow.

It is this outstanding fact and its controlling logic which gave such a sickly hue to the futile strategy of the Progressive "negotiators" and made the wire to Oyster Bay, and the messages it carried, irrelevant and immaterial to a situation, largely of the Colonel's making, and which he tardily recognized.

It is easier to get excited about a subject than to think about it, and the Progressives propose to do a little thinking and leave the tantrums to others. Among other things they desire to do justice to a president who has been called upon to grapple with problems most beyond human faculty, and who has endured with unflinching steadiness a volume of criticism which has no parallel in our history since Lincoln's time.

We recall the answer of Lincoln to the cry in 1864, that his administration was "merely stumbling along."

"It may be true," said Lincoln, "but please God, I think we are stumbling along in the right direction."

If the President has stumbled has it been in the right direction? This is worthy of a little reflection, and the Progressives are thinking.

Bainbridge Colby, a New York lawyer, made the speech nominating Colonel Roosevelt in the Progressive convention in Chicago last Saturday. Four years ago he was one of the most active workers for Roosevelt for the Republican nomination for President and became a Progressive leader in the 1912 campaign. His pamphlet, "A Stolen Nomination for the Presidency," was widely circulated by the Progressives.

Sunday School Convention.

The annual Sunday school convention of Charlotte township will be held at the M. E. church at Virginia Sunday, June 18. The following is the program:

- 9:30 Union Sunday School.
- 11:00 Sermon: Union, Prayer and Love, Elder H. A. Pfost.
- 12:00 Basket Dinner.
- 1:30 Devotional, Rev. Ethelbert Hughes.
- 2:15 Department Work.
- 2:15 Music by M. E. School.
- 2:30 What Can Sunday School Workers Do to Arouse More Interest in the Sunday School Work, Ethelbert Hughes, W. W. Park, Glade Jundy, W. M. Hardinger.
- 2:40 Music by Christian School.
- 2:45 Who Is an Ideal Sunday School Worker, Mrs. J. W. Greenup, Mrs. J. G. Canick.
- 3:00 Music by Mt. Carmel School.
- 3:25 Talk by County Officers.

County Court.

County Treasurer John H. Stone presents warrants for cancellation as follows: Salary fund, \$37.52. Contingent, \$21.18. Pauper, \$493.23. County Home, \$709.25. Election and Jury, \$414.00. Common school, \$800.00. Township School, \$3050.00. School loan on W. R. Wilson property ordered foreclosed. School loan on Rudolph Talbott property ordered foreclosed. Joseph A. Flammang, County Highway Engineer, presents his report on expenses on bridges, which is approved.

School loan granted Maria J. Herrell on the north 75 feet of lot 1, Couch's addition to the city of Butler in the sum of \$800.00, provided abstract be brought up to date and approved and a satisfactory bond given.

Clerk authorized to make application to M. S. S. for admission of Hosié Faubion as county patient.

School loan granted R. E. Crabtree on the following described property in the sum of \$1000. Lot 2 in block 47 in the city of Butler.

Statement of H. O. Maxey, Circuit Clerk, presented and approved.

Statement of Frank Holland, county clerk, presented and approved.

The court made a trip of inspection Friday of bridges reported in need of repairs and, for the purpose of viewing sites for bridges petitioned for.

Mrs. C. Vantrees and daughter, Mrs. A. Fox, returned Tuesday from a ten days visit to Mrs. Vantrees' sister, Mrs. C. E. Robinson, in Kansas City. They took in the Billy Sunday meetings and pronounced them immense.

MEXICAN BANDITS RAID TEXAS RANCH.

Ranch 25 Miles Northwest of Laredo Raided and 80 Horses Driven Off.

San Antonio, Tex., June 11.—Mexican bandits raided the Coleman ranch, about 25 miles northwest of Laredo, last night and were driven back across the border today by a troop of the Fourteenth Cavalry under Capt. Ole W. Bell. The bandits drove off 80 horses but did no damage to the ranch property.

The raid was reported to headquarters by Gen. Wann at Laredo, who is in charge of the situation. It is expected he will send reinforcements to Capt. Bell, who is without pack train or supplies. How far into Mexico he has gone is not known at headquarters.

The raid was first reported to Gen. Funston by T. A. Coleman, of San Antonio, owner of the ranch, who is in Port Aransas on a fishing trip. Verification came from Gen. Bell.

What is regarded by American army officers as official repudiation of the agreement entered into by Gens. Pershing and Gavira was contained in a curt message from Gen. Jacinto Trevino to Gen. Pershing, informing him that Gen. Gavira had no authority to discuss military subjects with him. Gen. Pershing sent a copy of Gen. Trevino's message to department headquarters here.

The agreement between Gens. Pershing and Gavira had to do with disposition of troops in the territory controlled by the American punitive expedition and was intended as a precaution that might prevent unauthorized clashes. It in no way affected the more important phases of the situation.

State Road Funds Apportioned.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 12.—State Auditor Gordon today apportioned \$250,000 from the various good road funds to the counties and the City of St. Louis. This is an increase of \$60,000 over last year, and by the close of the present year the total amount for the biennial period will amount to \$860,000.

Of this amount \$350,000 will be used for dragging roads. To avail themselves of this money counties must make requisition by August 1. If they can satisfy the State Highway Commissioner that they have expended a like sum in permanent improvements each will receive its share.

Under the law providing this fund no county or city can draw in excess of 3 per cent of the total amount apportioned. For this reason the City of St. Louis, Jackson, Buchanan and St. Louis counties will each draw but \$7,500. Bates county's share will be \$3,257.

Want Wilson to Name Graves.

St. Louis, June 12.—Chief Justice W. W. Graves of the Missouri Supreme Court will be indorsed for the vacancy on the United States Supreme Court bench caused by the resignation of Charles E. Hughes, it was announced today by Edward F. Goltra, Democratic national committeeman for Missouri.

Don't Belong to Butler.

Last week a "tinhorn" gambler lost a roll of money in a crap game in Harrisonville and raised a big "holler" saying that he had been held up. In writing up the story the Harrisonville papers say that he belongs to Butler. This is a mistake. Butler very respectfully declines the honor.

In and Around Maysburg.

Mrs. Gilbert and Hargrave have had bad luck with their turkeys. Mrs. Gilbert lost about 30 one night and Mrs. Hargrave has lost over 50. Now the rats are feasting on her chickens.

Mrs. Clark lost some 20 turkeys one night by varmints and Mrs. Hoover lost 10.

Fred Zimmer spent a few days last week visiting home folks.

Mrs. Tan White spent a few days visiting relatives in Butler last week.

The Childrens Day at White Oak Sunday was postponed on account of the rain.

Mr. Farmer sold hogs in Ulrich last week.

Jeff Taylor stayed all night at Tan White's Wednesday night. He is a candidate for treasurer.

Mrs. Allen of Maysburg Sunday at Mrs. Jessie Owens.

Andy Doll, John Getz and Tan White visited Charley Steward Sunday morning.

Mr. Godwin and son, Francis, has been attending the Billy Sunday meetings in Kansas City the last week.

The class social was given at Katie Middleton's last Thursday night. All the class was present but three. A good time was had by all present.

Mrs. James McCleney has been helping her mother pick strawberries several days the past two weeks.

Dr. Allen and wife were out driving Sunday evening.

A NEIGHBOR.

Col. Clyde Robbins writes us from Winterset, Iowa, instructing us to change the address on his paper from that place to Selisia, Montana. He says the roads were pretty bad in the north part of the state, but when they got into Iowa they found the roads all dragged and in good condition.

HUGHES AND FAIRBANKS

Republicans Nominate Supreme Court Justice in a Convention Utterly Devoid of Enthusiasm.

Chicago, Ill., June 10.—Charles Evans Hughes, former Governor of New York, and until today Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, was today nominated for the presidency by the Republican National Convention.

Charles Warren Fairbanks of Indiana, elected Vice President with Theodore Roosevelt in 1904, again was chosen for second place on the Republican ticket.

Both nominations, made by overwhelming majorities, were by acclamation made unanimous.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts presented by Roosevelt as a compromise candidate, received 7 votes. Col. Roosevelt himself received 18 1-2 votes, scattered over 12 states.

The nominating ballot showed this count:

Hughes, 949 1-2; Roosevelt, 18 1-2; Lodge, 7; Dupont, 5; Weeks, 3; absent 1. Total, 987.

The convention will go down in history as utterly lacking in enthusiasm. The bosses would not stand for Roosevelt and the delegates meekly submitted and nominated who they were told to.

Justice Hughes sent a telegram to Chairman Harding accepting the nomination and at the same time sent his resignation as Justice of the United States Supreme Court to President Wilson by special messenger.

The President sent this reply to Justice Hughes' letter:

"Dear Mr. Justice Hughes: I am in receipt of your letter of resignation and feel constrained to yield to your desire. I, therefore, accept your resignation as Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to take effect at once. Sincerely yours, WOODROW WILSON."

A Kitchen Shower.

Miss Cornelia Woods, who is to marry Mr. Finley Porter of St. Louis the latter part of this month was treated to a surprise last Thursday evening when a number of her girl friends gave her a kitchen shower. A very pleasant evening was spent and Miss Woods received many useful presents. Much fun was had when each of the girls as they gave their hostess her present recited a verse of original poetry.

Soldier Wounded in Dance Hall Fight.

Douglas, Ariz., June 10.—One soldier was wounded, probably fatally, late today in a dance hall in the restricted district here. As a result, mobs of soldiers attacked the dance hall. Several hundred shots were fired, but there were no casualties.

MISSOURI SUFFRAGISTS QUIT.

Iowa Defeat Causes Women to Withdraw Petitions.

St. Louis, June 8.—Announcement was made at the Woman Suffrage headquarters here today that petitions for placing a suffrage amendment on the Missouri ballot next fall would not be filed. This decision was reached as a result of the defeat of woman suffrage in Iowa.

It had been planned to file the petitions after the suffrage demonstration during the Democratic national convention, but the coming election now is considered inopportune.

A woman suffrage amendment was defeated at the election of 1914.

The Missouri organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will not enter any campaign this fall for suffrage, according to Mrs. Fannie L. Taylor, the chairman for the Kansas City district. Mrs. Anna Gordon, the national W. C. T. U. president had been requested by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the national suffrage president, to use her influence in preventing such a campaign in Missouri on the ground that a second defeat both for suffrage and temperance would interfere with plans for a national suffrage amendment.



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